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TO: Robert Harding/Auburnpub.com – The Citizen

Thank you for allowing me to give you the “lay of the land” as to a MAJOR story that knocks out would-be Supreme Court Justice Antonacci – and EVERY other public officer who has been “sitting on” the *open-and-shut* EVIDENCE of corruption involving the commission-based pay raises and the budget, laid out by CJA’s citizen-taxpayer action, *CJA v. Cuomo*, now at the Court of Appeals: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2nd/record-ct-of-appeals.htm>.

Below is the e-mail I sent you last month, furnishing you with my published New York Law Journal letter to the editor about the case. By letter dated August 28<sup>th</sup>, I provided a copy to the Court of Appeals. You might like to read what I said, at pp. 18-19: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2nd/ct-appeals/8-28-19-ltr.htm>.

More to follow – especially, upon your confirming to me, as I hope you will, that you would like the LEAD and that I should hold off on outreach to other reporters, whose reporting – like yours – I’ve posted on a webpage entitled: “The Judicial Aspirations & Self-Interest of Newbie Legislator/Lawyer Senator Robert Antonacci”. The direct link is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/elections-2019/antonacci.htm>.

Meantime, I am attaching Article VII, sections 1-7 of the New York State Constitution pertaining to the budget. Read sections 4 and 6, in particular.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** ALERT: NYS Public Campaign Financing & Election Commission is INACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

TO: AUBURNPUB.COM – THE CITIZEN

**ALERT: NYS Public Campaign Financing & Election Commission is INACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC**

How is the public supposed to contact the NYS Public Campaign Financing & Election Commission? Where is its website? What is its phone number, e-mail address, office address? Is there NO registration for its public hearings? – the first of which is less than a week away, and virtually unreported by the press.

Are witnesses going to be testifying on a “first-come, first-serve” basis – and how much time will each get? Will the public hearings be live-streamed, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, and from what website will they be accessible? Will recordings be available – and will submitted written statements be posted?

To enable you to SOUND AN ALARM about the obvious rigging of the Commission’s public hearings to favor advocates of public campaign financing, whose inside track was highlighted by the New York Post’s editorial “[Why judges will end up writing New York’s new campaign laws](#)” (Sept. 2, 2019/Sept. 3), attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability’s FOIL/open meetings law request, sent early yesterday morning to the Governor, Senate, and Assembly, to obtain pertinent information about the Commission’s operations.

More to follow. Until then, attached is the New York Law Journal’s August 21<sup>st</sup> print publication of my letter “*A Call for Scholarship, Civic Engagement & Amicus Curiae Before the NYCOA*”, which it posted on its website on August 20<sup>th</sup>, here: <https://www.law.com/newyorklawjournal/2019/08/20/a-call-for-scholarship-civic-engagement-amicus-curiae-before-the-nycoa/>, in response to a perspective column entitled “*It’s Legally Perilous to Have a Commission Responsible for Election Laws*”.

As always, I am available to assist you, to the max, in fulfilling your duty to inform and empower the public.

Thank you.

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